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RE: Review of Crystal Spring Updated Forest Stand Delineation
Received February 22, 2016, Revised Hydrology Received March 2, 2016

Dear Mr. Hyatt,

We have the following comments for the most recently received Forest Stand Delineation for Crystal Spring:

1. The March 5, 2013 FSD for the site consisting of 111.04 acres was found complete and correct by DNEP letter of March 27, 2013. The current FSD submittal includes the 111.04 acre site plus the additional 76.10 acres of parcel 1R for a total of 187.14 acres. Our comments pertain only to the additional 76.10 acres as the current submittal is consistent with the March 5, 2013 FSD in so far as the 111.04 acres.
2. All contiguous forest stands in the March 5, 2013 FSD are considered priority forest areas and so forest sub-stands A-13 and D-5 within the additional 76.10 acres - which are contiguous to forest stands in the earlier FSD - are also considered to be priority forest areas and should be noted as such.
3. Sub-stand H-4 should be noted as a priority forest area as it contains an extensive non-tidal wetland which is considered a priority retention area (reference to State FCA Manual, 2-18, 3b).
4. Natural Resources Inventory Map, February 2016 identifies certain areas in the legend as priority 1, 2, 3 and 4. These designations don't appear to be consistent with the State Manual definitions of priority areas (ref. 2-18, 3b). Please revise.
5. The revised Forest Quality Analysis, February 2016, is not consistent with the earlier submittal from March 2013 that delineated high, medium and low priority forest stands. Please revise for consistency with the 2013 submittal.



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6. The 2013 FSD included, at our request, the location of trees 24 – 30 inches in diameter. Please provide this information for the additional acreage.

7. Our comments do not constitute approval of property lines or easement approvals of any kind.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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